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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent circulation in Washington three times larger than that of any other paper in the city. As a local NEWS paper and Advertising Medium it has no competitor.

The President's message concerning the state of the Union, giving incidentally an account of his administration's stewardship, is one of the best specimens of what such a document should be that has ever issued from the White House. It is long, perhaps too long for the model message, but it is packed so full of meaty, interesting matter free of all the usual discrimination, that it is hard to suggest where the cut would properly be made. It is not a formal rehearsal of the department reports. The President has impressed his individuality upon every sentence of it, and the art of putting things effectively, of which he has shown his mastery in the admirable, condensed speeches which he has made from time to time during his administration, has evidently not deserted him. The main purpose of a message is defeated if its style or contents frighten off readers. This message will be attentively read.

The cheering which the President makes for his administration is impressive. Whatever differences of opinion there may be concerning the wisdom of specific measures favored by the President, one of which affecting the elections Congress overruled, and others of which are still on trial before the people, there can be no doubt that the President's administration has been intelligent, clean, and able, far-sighted and vigorous in its foreign policy, sound and progressive in the various departments of domestic affairs, creditable and beneficial to the republic in all branches of executive action. Every patriotic American will be proud of the "state of the Union" disclosed by this message, however vigorously he may oppose in regard to specific matters the legislative policy of the administration.

In regard to the domestic legislative issues of importance the President defends the tariff act on all points and contends that its effect is salutary. He indicates unrelenting opposition to the tariff reduction, and urges a fair trial of the silver legislation of last year. "Upon this subject," he says, "as upon the tariff, my recommendation is that the existing laws be given a full trial, and that our business interests be spared the distressing influence which threats of radical changes always impart." The most notable recommendation of the President are perhaps those which relate to fair and free elections. He condemns the Michigan partisan device of a change in the method of choosing presidential electors and proposes a remedy.

He refers regretfully to the action of the last Congress upon the elections bill, and suggests, in order to secure fair apportionments and free elections, the appointment of a commission, non-partisan in membership, perhaps the Supreme Court, to be charged with the duty of inquiring into the whole subject of the law of elections, as related to the choice of officers of the national government, with a view to securing to every elector a free and unobstructed exercise of the suffrage and as near an approach to an equality of value in each ballot cast as is attainable. The argument that some remedy is needed for election wrongs, assuming that the force legislation is undesirable or impracticable, is clearly and forcibly stated.

The message does not directly ask for indemnity for the Italian victims of the "deplorable and discreditable incident" at New Orleans. It suggests, however, that the Federal Government is, in the condition of our laws, charged with the duty of securing indemnity for the victims of police and judicial wrongs in cases where it would be answerable if the United States had used its constitutional power to confine and punish crimes against treaty rights. The friendly conclusion of the matter, which it is thought is attainable, is apparently postponed until "the temporary absence of a minister plenipotentiary of Italy to this capital" ceases to retard further correspondence.

In regard to Chile the affair of the Baltimore is shown to have been an unprovoked outrage with many indications of a national insult. The "offensive tone" of the Chilean secretary is regretted, and the expectation is announced that the result of the Chilean investigation, together with the prompt and satisfactory response to this government's note will soon be made. "If these just expectations should be disappointed or further needless delay intervene, I will, by a special message, bring this matter again to the attention of Congress for such action as may be necessary." The power to declare war is vested in Congress.

The message does not entirely overlook Washington. A subject of much local importance and interest to all engaged in the work of moral reform, is the establishment of a reform school for girls in the District of Columbia, provided for by an act of July 9, 1888, but which is inoperative by reason of the fact that no appropriation was made for construction or maintenance. The President recommends the necessary appropriation for the purpose of purchasing a site and enabling the construction of a building. He well says that the need of such an institution is very urgent. He also calls attention to the defective and inadequate of the local laws relating to crimes commonly called social, and says that it is a matter of surprise that the need of the District should have been so long overlooked. The message in its mention of naval extension and confidence in further liberal legislation refers to the gun shop at Washington, organized and conducted by naval officers, as unexcelled in system, economy and product. This is a matter of local pride as well as of gratification to the officers of the navy and others especially interested in naval affairs.

The President's little device of saving up news to give live interest to his message and keep the newspapers was frustrated this time. He is compelled to merely confirm the public announcement of the Department of Justice that we have arranged for arbitration in the Bering Sea matter, and that all that remains is to choose the arbitrators.

The news that Speaker Crisp is to have a fine Georgia pine gavel made for him will relieve the minds of those who feared he would find it necessary to conduct proceedings in the present Congress with an axe.

Expert architects are of the opinion that Congressmen Allen's new whiskers were especially designed to accommodate the breeze that is likely to arise in the present Congress.

The Congressional Record has the advantage of a fresh start, and it is hoped, will be less indiscriminate in the literature it presents than it was last session.

The theatrical profession in this country is doing its best to fill the field occupied by the aristocracy in London in providing divorce sensations.

The arrest of the grand jury in Texas is another tribute to the purpose of the Lone Star State to preserve peace and good order at any hazard.

A reliable style of back-action bombs would be very desirable for general distribution among our soldiers.

THE FURS.
Capes of all furs from \$6.08 to \$48 each.
All are extra long and superb fit.
Muffs to match, 75c. to \$20 each.
Boas of the various furs, 24 yards long, \$1.48 to \$12 each.
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Ladies' Shawls, 50c. to \$10.
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Imported Tea Gowns, \$12 to \$25.
Colored Silk Waists, \$5 to \$9.
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Flannel Waists, \$1.08 to \$2.75.
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IF NOT, CALL ON US BEFORE 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT AND GET SOME OF OUR GREAT BARGAINS FOR 25 CENTS.

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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR GUESS ON THE TIME WHEN THE MAMMOTH CANDLE IN OUR WINDOW WILL BURN OUT? IF NOT, DON'T DELAY GUESSING. YOU MAY MAKE \$100 IN GOLD, OR OTHER CHOICE PRESENTS TO THE FORTUNATE GUESSER.

STORE OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M. THIS MONTH. WE REFUND MONEY ON ALL UNSATISFACTORY PURCHASES IF RETURNED IN GOOD ORDER.

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AT THIS TIME

Of the year your thoughts are all concerned with Christmas and its attendant gifts. It is well, then, while you are considering, previous to a final decision, upon some gift for a friend, that a few Holiday Hints be thrown out to you.

Perhaps you are aware that gentlemen who love ease and comfort appreciate comfortable things, none more than Slippers. Let us tell you of two or three kinds here, you can find a list of them at the store.

Men's Genuine Alligator Slippers, in all the different colors, are sold here at \$1.98 and \$2.50.

Men's Embroidered Slippers sold at 75c., \$1.15 and \$1.50.

Patent Leather Pumps and Oxfords for dancing are always acceptable. We have a full line, prices very low.

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We have a full line of Satin Slippers in all colors.

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E. ROSENBERG, WILL SELL AT A GREAT SACRIFICE ALL HIS OLD FURNITURE AND STOVES TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW STOCK.

1015 AND 1017 N. Y. AVE. N.W.

JACK'S LETTER XXI.

Dear Father: There's a female crank in this town; they call her "Kate, the Critter." I fell a victim to her mania yesterday afternoon. As I came down the steps of the Capitol a lady rushed up to me with a pair of scissors and seizing my necktie, pulled it from my vest and cut the end off. Crazy woman after scraps for a crazy quilt. My scarf caught her eye. It caught my eye when it lay in Auerbach's show case. So I admire the woman's good taste and forgive her rudeness. There is a lot of new Holiday Ties at Auerbach's much prettier. So I'll miss this one. He's doing a wonderful business. Good goods at popular prices always sell.

Good night, with love. Your son JACK.

JOSEPH AUERBACH, HOLIDAY NECK TIES, 623 Pa. ave. (11) N. Y. ave. cor. 12th st.

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In our show window! It contains the finest display of

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We can suit the most fastidious tastes and all prices, ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

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19c. White Lava Aprons, three rows of drawn work.

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At Jas. F. Oyster's you get pure cream and sweetest of all butter the Maryland "Low Country" Butter, for sale in 10c. and 25c. packages, and choice of the best of the Maryland "Low Country" Butter, for sale in 10c. and 25c. packages. Remember the name. JAMES F. OSTER.

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ALL CHINA SEAL CAPES, Satin lined, with collar or storm collar, pointed front, 30 inches long. Regular price, \$12.50. SPECIAL PRICE, \$7 EACH.

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The nearest approach to the real marten, very new and stylish. Regular price, \$21.50. SPECIAL PRICE, \$10 EACH.

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\$1.25 COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES for 1900. These are real leather, and are good value at \$1.25. Special price, 98c.

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